

# La Gorce/Allison Island News

Winter 2001/02

City of Miami Beach

Neighborhood Services Department

## Miami Beach Police Department Introduces NRO Program

The Neighborhood Resource Officer (NRO) Program was instituted in March 2001. The program divides the City into three districts, south, middle and north, and provides one officer as a NRO to each district. The primary responsibility of the NRO is to address the special problems and needs within their district. In order to fulfill that responsibility and build a bridge of trust with the residents, the NRO attends neighborhood meetings, civic meetings and youth-oriented activities, and interacts with residents on a daily basis. For more information about the Neighborhood Resource Officer Program, please contact Officer Andrew Gorny at 305-673-7776, extension 5260.

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## Neighborhood Meeting Addresses Quality of Life Issues

La Gorce, La Gorce Island and Allison Island residents attended a neighborhood meeting on December 10, 2001. Those in attendance identified a number of concerns affecting the community's quality of life. This newsletter highlights those areas and provides important information regarding the City's programs and the community's responsi-

bilities. Educating the community is the first step toward enhancing the quality of life in neighborhoods. The following five items were identified as neighborhood priorities:

1. Increase presence of Code Compliance officers to educate residents and enforce ordinances.
2. Provide the community with a telephone

list for the City's 24-hour services.

3. Educate community of parking ordinances and develop traffic calming programs.
4. Provide better education on sanitation pick-up schedules, proper placement of waste and city codes regulating the disposal of waste.
5. Increase Police presence to reduce crime and speeding.

## STEP Program's Uniform Patrol Traffic Unit Slows Down Speeders



The Selective Traffic Enforcement Program or STEP is actively working on the major thoroughfares including LaGorce Drive, Pinetree Drive and Alton Road. The motor officers that work the area concentrate on speeding violations and do so in the morning and evening hours.

In an effort to reduce the number of crashes, and obtain compliance with traffic regulations, the Miami Beach Police Department has created a Uniform Patrol Traffic Unit. This Unit is made up by officers currently assigned to the Accident Investigation Unit and the Special Traffic Enforcement Program. These officers will have a Zero Tolerance stance toward traffic violations. Infractions such as: failure to yield the right-of-way, red lights, improper change of lanes, speeding, and other traffic violations, will be cited and a warning will not be issued. In addition, careless or reckless driving, DUI, and aggressive driving laws will be strictly enforced by officers. There will be aggressive prosecution at all levels of the judicial system.

The speeding charge is a civil traffic offense in

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## NO PARKING

The Parking Department has increased enforcement of commercial vehicles parked in residential areas to include boats, vehicles displaying "for-sale" signs, abandoned vehicles, and vehicles parked hazardously in the right-of-way or blocking a driver's line of sight. Additionally, violations may be issued for prohibited parking: blocking fire hydrants, crosswalks, sidewalks, and obstructing traffic. The Parking Enforcement Unit will continue to issue citations and monitor the area to ensure compliance with parking regulations. To report violations, contact the Parking Department at 305-673-7505 or Neighborhood Services Community Resource & Outreach Division at 305-673-7580. After hours or on the weekends, please contact the Police non-emergency number at 305-673-7900.

## Important Phone Numbers

**CiviCall**  
(For Information & Comments)  
305-604-CITY (2489)

**Office of the Mayor and Commission**  
305-673-7030

**Office of the City Manager**  
305-673-7010

**Police (non-emergency)**  
305-673-7900

**Fire (non-emergency)**  
305-673-7120

**Neighborhood Services**  
305-673-7077

**Community Resource & Outreach**  
305-673-7580

**Parks & Recreation**  
305-673-7730

**Parking**  
305-673-PARK

**City Job Hotline**  
305-673-7777

**City Clerk**  
305-673-7411

**Bulky Waste Pick-Up Appointment**  
305-633-2700

## 24-Hour Services

**Water & Sewer Streets Sidewalks Streetlights Stormwater**  
305-673-7625

**Traffic Signals**  
305-592-3580

**FPL**  
(power outages & street lights on wooden poles)  
305-442-8770

## Code Compliance Division Initiates Courtesy Notice Program

The Code Compliance Division ensures that businesses and residents are in compliance with local building, zoning, noise and other ordinances. The Division has three full-time mid-Beach officers who work Monday through Friday and on Thursday through Sunday from 8:00 pm to 6:00 am. It is the responsibility of Code Compliance to enforce the City's Ordinances, many of which are in regard to property maintenance standards and zoning.

Code Compliance has recently instituted a "courtesy notice" program. Officers who observe minor first-time violations may leave a courtesy notice at the property to advise the property owner of the violation and how to correct it. These violations include, but are not limited to: overgrowth of grass and/or weeds; multi-family use; parking on front lawn or unapproved surface and exterior property maintenance such as painting. By issuing a "courtesy notice," the property owner is afforded time to correct the violation before receiving a violation and having a case opened which may result in a fine. If you have any questions in regard to the City

Code, you may access a copy by visiting the City of Miami Beach's website at [www.ci.miami-beach.fl.us](http://www.ci.miami-beach.fl.us). If you have any questions in regard to the Code Compliance Division, please contact 305-673-7555 or your Community Resource Coordinator at 305-673-7580.

## Water Restrictions Lifted in Miami-Dade County



On October 10, 2001, the South Florida Water Management District Governing Board announced the lifting of mandatory Modified Phase II water restrictions, and adopted a resolution calling for year-round voluntary water conservation.

Citizens are encouraged to voluntarily observe the watering days established by the South Florida Water Management District – Monday, Wednesday and Saturday for addresses ending in an odd number; and Tuesday, Thursday, and Sunday for those addresses ending in an even number.

## Sanitation -- Waste Services Let's Talk Trash!



Do not set your garbage out for collection more than 24 hours before your scheduled pick-up.

Regular residential garbage does not have to be placed on the swale, the area in front of your home adjacent to the street. BFI will collect residential waste from back or side yard two times a week.

Yard clippings, not exceeding 50lbs, should be properly containerized or bundled, and placed out on the swale for collection on your second scheduled collection day of the week, and cannot be placed prior to 24 hours of your scheduled pickup day. Gardeners must remove yard waste immediately following the work performed. Garden waste that is over 50lbs is considered bulky waste.

Bulky waste must not be placed on the swale prior to 24 hours of your scheduled pick-up appointment. Each residence is entitled to four scheduled bulky waste pick-up appointments per calendar year. Additional pick-ups may be scheduled at a cost of \$20 per cubic yard. For an appointment, call BFI at 305-633-2700.

Please be reminded that the City Code prohibits the accumulation or storage of trash on swales. Violations will be issued to property owners with waste on the swale in front of their property for more than 24 hours prior to the scheduled pickup date.

Fines for the above are \$50 for the first violation, \$100 for the second violation within 12 months, and \$500 for the third violation within 12 months of the first violation.

For more information, call the Sanitation Department at 305-673-7616 or BFI at 305-633-2700.

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Florida. The chart will show violations based on miles per hour and the respective fine.

### Speeding Violations for Speeding in Posted Zone

| MPH Over the Limit | Paid Within 30 Days | Paid After 30 Days |
|--------------------|---------------------|--------------------|
|                    |                     |                    |
| 1-5mph             | Warning             | Warning            |
| 6-9mph             | \$47.50             | \$63.50            |
| 10-14mph           | \$109.00            | \$125.00           |
| 15-19mph           | \$129.50            | \$145.00           |
| 20-29mph           | \$150.00            | \$166.00           |
| 30mph & over       | \$232.00            | \$248.00           |